

**What is claimed is**

1. A picture holding system comprising:

- a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one  
plate magnet is fixed to a perimetric  
position of the transparent plate; and
- b) a base comprising a support surface that  
accepts the transparent plate and supports a  
picture between the transparent plate and  
the support surface, wherein the support  
surface has an edge located near the  
perimeter of the support surface and  
recessed into the rearward of the base,  
wherein at least one surface magnet is fixed  
to a perimetric position of the support  
surface; and

wherein the transparent plate is removably  
attached to the support surface by magnetic force  
between the plate magnet and the corresponding  
surface magnet, and the transparent plate may be  
pulled apart by pressing the transparent plate  
over the edge and pivoting the transparent plate  
over the support surface.

2. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein  
the transparent plate and the support surface are  
substantially flat.
- 5 3. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein  
the transparent plate and the support surface  
are substantially curved.
4. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein  
10 the base is one selected from a frame, a vase, a  
dish, a box and a lamp stand.
5. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein  
the transparent plate and the support surface  
15 are substantially rectangular and the edge is  
located about one of the corners of the support  
surface.
6. The picture holding system of claim 5, wherein  
20 the edge is substantially elongated to provide a  
wider area for pivoting the transparent plate  
over the support surface.
7. The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein  
25 the transparent plate and the support surface

are substantially triangular and the edge is located about one of the corners of the support surface.

5    8.    The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein the shape of the transparent plate and the support surface are circular and the edge is located on the periphery of the support surface.

10   9.    The picture holding system of claim 1, wherein the base has an upper surface, wherein the support surface is set inwardly from the upper surface to form a depression receiving the transparent plate.

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10.   The picture holding system of claim 9, wherein the transparent plate has a top surface such that the top surface is flush with the upper surface.

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11. A picture holding system comprising:  
a)    a transparent plate, wherein at least one ferromagnetic body is fixed to a perimetric position of transparent plate; and

b) a base comprising a support surface that  
accepts the transparent plate and supports a  
picture between the transparent plate and  
the support surface, wherein the support  
5 surface has an edge located near the  
perimeter of the support surface and  
recessed into the rearward of the base,  
wherein at least one surface magnet is fixed  
to a perimetric position of the support  
10 surface; and  
wherein the transparent plate is attached to the  
support surface by magnetic force between the  
ferromagnetic body and the corresponding surface  
magnet and the transparent plate may be pulled  
15 apart by pressing the transparent plate over the  
edge and pivoting the transparent plate over the  
support surface.

12. The picture holding system of claim 11, wherein  
20 the transparent plate and the support surface  
are substantially flat.

13. The picture holding system of claim 11, wherein  
the transparent plate and the support surface  
25 are substantially curved.

14. The picture holding system of claim 11, wherein  
the base has an upper surface, wherein the  
support surface is set inwardly from the upper  
5 surface to form a depression receiving the  
transparent plate.

15. The picture holding system of claim 11, wherein  
the transparent plate has a top surface such  
10 that the top surface is flush with the upper  
surface.

16. A picture holding system comprising:  
a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one  
15 plate magnet is fixed to a perimetric  
position of the transparent plate; and  
b) a base comprising a support surface that  
accepts the transparent plate and supports a  
picture between the transparent plate and  
20 the support surface, wherein the support  
surface has an edge located near the  
perimeter of the support surface and  
recessed into the rearward of the base,  
wherein at least one ferromagnetic body is

fixed to a perimetric position of the  
support surface; and

wherein the transparent plate is attached to the  
support surface by magnetic force between the  
5 plate magnet and the corresponding ferromagnetic  
body and the transparent plate may be pulled  
apart by pressing the transparent plate over the  
edge and pivoting the transparent plate over the  
support surface.

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17. The picture holding system of claim 16, wherein  
the transparent plate and the support surface  
are substantially flat.

15 18. The picture holding system of claim 16, wherein  
the transparent plate and the support surface  
are substantially curved.

19. The picture holding system of claim 16, wherein  
20 the base has an upper surface, wherein the  
support surface is set inwardly from the upper  
surface to form a depression receiving the  
transparent plate.

20. The picture holding system of claim 16, wherein the transparent plate has a top surface such that the top surface is flush with the upper surface.

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21. A picture holding system comprising:

- a) a transparent plate, wherein at least one plate magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the transparent plate; and
- 10 b) a support surface that accepts the transparent plate and supports a picture between the transparent plate and the support surface, wherein the support surface has an edge located near the perimeter of the support surface and recessed to form a cavity, wherein at least one surface magnet is fixed to a perimetric position of the support surface; and
- 15 c) a base that has a depression that receives the support surface and the transparent plate; and
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wherein the transparent plate is removably attached to the support surface by magnetic force between the plate magnet and the corresponding surface magnet, and the transparent plate may be

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pulled apart by pressing the transparent plate  
over the edge and pivoting the transparent plate  
over the support surface.

- 5    22. The picture holding system of claim 21, wherein  
the transparent plate is flush with the base.

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